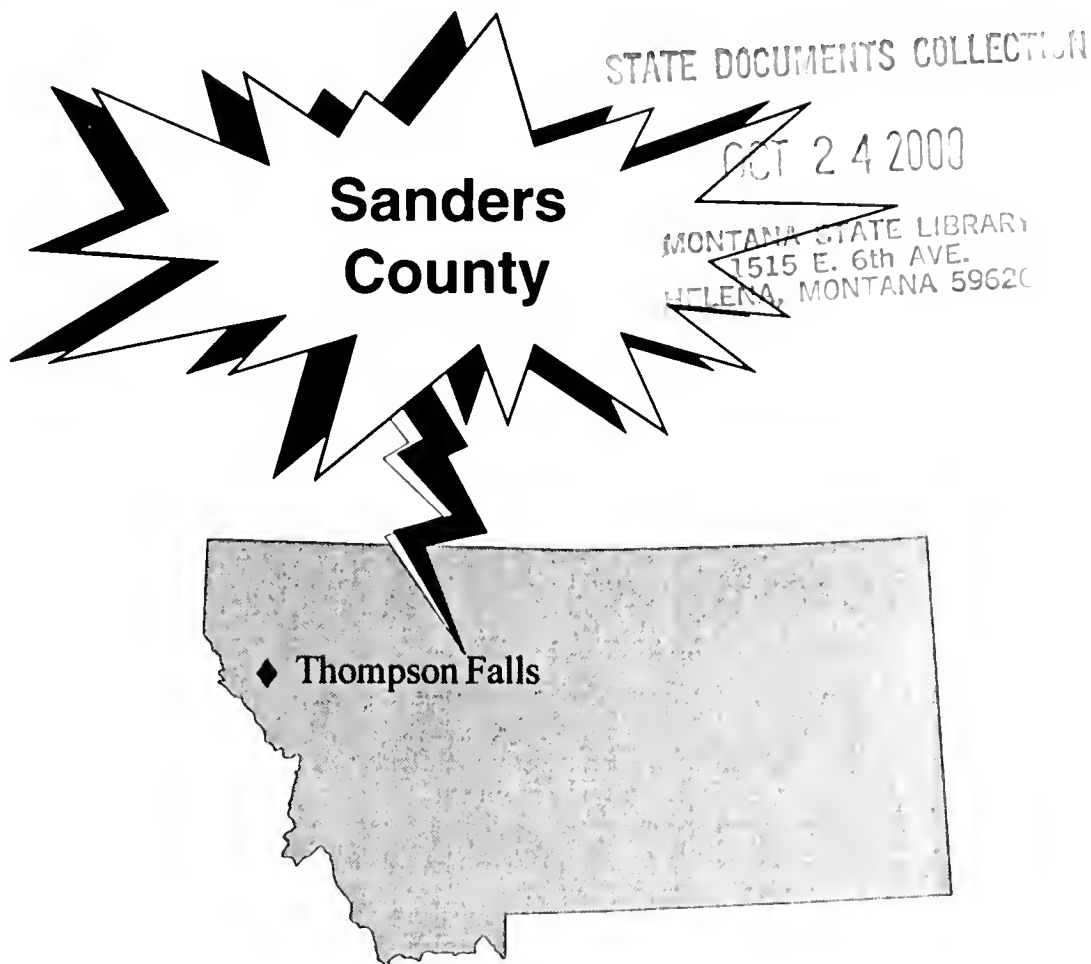


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Cities and Towns in Sanders County

Belknap	◆	Camas	◆	Dixon	◆	Heron	
Hot Springs	◆	Lonepine	◆	Noxon	◆	Paradise	◆ Perma
Plains	◆	Thompson Falls	◆	Trout Creek			

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Sanders County

Located in northwestern Montana, Sanders County is Montana's 22nd most populous with 8,669 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1905 and named after Wilbur Fisk Sanders, pioneer and U.S. senator from Montana. Thompson Falls, the county seat, is the state's 44th largest city with a population of 1,319. The city is surrounded by millions of acres of National Forest offering a variety of recreational activities, including camping, hunting, berry picking and wildlife viewing. Thompson Falls dam was built in 1917 and visitors can view the spectacular sight from a wooded island. The Clark Fork River runs through the area providing water recreational activities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Sanders County households in 1989 was \$18,616. The county is 2,790.2 square miles in area; 2,762.3 square miles in land area and 27.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 20.1 degrees above in January to a high of 87.1 degrees above in July. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual average precipitation in Thompson Falls in 1995 was 31.57 inches and the length of growing season 140 days.

Sanders County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	878,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Sanders County	10,185	10,236	8,669	17.5%	18.1%
Hot Springs	460	465	411	11.9%	13.1%
Plains	1,217	1,220	992	22.7%	23.0%
Thompson Falls	1,556	1,554	1,319	18.0%	17.8%

1998 New Businesses by Industry Sanders County

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59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	2
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	2
65	Real Estate	2
83	Social Services	2
81	Legal Services	2
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	2
73	Business Services	2
80	Health Services	1
88	Membership Organizations	1
87	Engineering Services	1
14	Mining & Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	1
78	Motion Pictures	1
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	1
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	1
54	Food Stores	1
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply & Mobile Home Dealers	1
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1
45	Transportation By Air	1
88	Private Households	1
	Total	52

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis

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New business registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

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Top 10 Private Employers In Sanders County *Listed In Alphabetical Order*

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

Fourth Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Sanders County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-employment Rate
1970	2,686	2,526	160	6.0%
1971	2,993	2,828	165	5.5%
1972	3,126	2,963	163	5.2%
1973	3,215	3,053	162	5.0%
1974	3,372	3,148	224	6.6%
1975	3,644	3,327	317	8.7%
1976	3,934	3,644	290	7.4%
1977	4,071	3,726	345	8.5%
1978	3,939	3,604	335	8.5%
1979	3,887	3,579	308	7.9%
1980	3,972	3,589	383	9.6%
1981	4,005	3,541	464	11.6%
1982	4,062	3,411	651	16.0%
1983	4,262	3,725	537	12.6%
1984	3,875	3,394	481	12.4%
1985	3,280	2,740	540	16.5%
1986	3,265	2,759	506	15.5%
1987	3,282	2,861	421	12.8%
1988	3,231	2,817	414	12.8%
1989	3,129	2,741	388	12.4%
1990	3,731	3,319	412	11.0%
1991	3,702	3,132	570	15.4%
1992	3,789	3,289	500	13.2%
1993	3,858	3,374	484	12.5%
1994	3,955	3,508	447	11.3%
1995	4,097	3,516	581	14.2%
1996	4,057	3,549	508	12.5%
1997	4,085	3,649	436	10.7%
1998	4,106	3,669	437	10.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1999 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	3,382	1,976	1,406
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	722	311	411
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	216	98	118
Professional Specialty Occupations	506	213	293
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	657	200	457
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	113	45	68
Sales Occupations	285	133	152
Administrative Support Occupations, including Clerical	259	22	237
Service Occupations	431	116	315
Private Household Occupations	13	0	13
Protective Service Occupations	41	39	2
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	377	77	300
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	448	375	73
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	316	299	17
Mechanics and Repairers	109	109	0
Construction Trade	106	97	9
Extractive Occupations	16	16	0
Precision Production Occupations	85	77	8
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	780	670	110
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	274	233	41
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	252	231	21
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	254	206	48
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	28	5	23

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Hot Springs & District Chamber of Commerce, Box 580, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-2662
 Plains-Paradise Chamber, P. O. Box 714, Plains, MT 59859-0714, 406-826-4700
 Thompson Falls Chamber, P. O. Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Sanders County Job Service Center

608 Main St., Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3472

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.
 Cities and towns of Dixon, Heron, Hot Springs, Lonepine, Noxon, Paradise, Plains, Thompson Falls and Trout Creek Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Thompson Falls—Courthouse, 406-827-4398

⇒ Newspapers:

Valley Press, P. O. Box 667, Plains, MT 59859, 406-826-3402
Sanders County Ledger, P. O. Box 219, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3421

⇒ Public Libraries:

Laurie Hill Library, Box 128, Heron, MT 59844-9521, 406-847-8780
 Preston Hot Springs Town County Library, 203 E. Main, Hot Springs, MT 59845-0127, 406-741-3491
 Plains District Library, 108 W. Railroad, Plains, MT 59859-0339, 406-826-3101
 Thompson Falls Public Library, 104 Fulton St., Thompson Falls, MT 59873-0337, 406-827-3547

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Camas Prairie Elementary, 781 County Road 382, Plains, MT 59859, 406-741-2837
 Dixon Elementary, P. O. Box 10, Dixon, MT 59831, 406-246-3566
 Hot Springs Public Schools, P. O. Box 1005, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-3285
 Noxon Public Schools, P. O. Box 1506, Noxon, MT 59853, 406-847-2442
 Paradise Elementary, 20 Schoolhouse Hill Road, Box 126, Paradise, MT 59856, 406-826-3344
 Plains Public Schools, Box 549, Plains, MT 59859, 406-826-3666
 Thompson Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 129, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3323
 Trout Creek Elementary, 85 Pine St., Trout Creek, MT 59874, 406-827-3629

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Sanders County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1998

Industry	# of Estab-lish-ments	Average Annual Employ-ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	396	2,557	\$48,379,684
PRIVATE BUSINESS	354	1,888	\$33,266,733
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	8	107	\$2,450,856
Forestry	3	3	\$66,390
CONSTRUCTION	53	87	\$1,761,728
General Building	24	28	\$478,868
Heavy Construction	7	15	\$382,887
Special Trade	22	43	\$920,171
MANUFACTURING	53	378	\$7,537,863
Lumber	40	302	\$6,182,212
Printing-Publishing	3	24	\$285,109
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	40	133	\$3,661,878
Local - Urban Transportation	4	32	\$144,796
Trucking-Warehousing	24	50	\$1,143,086
Communication	4	16	\$729,827
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	8	32	\$1,532,508
WHOLESALE TRADE	10	52	\$1,101,852
Durable Goods	5	26	\$411,200
Nondurable Goods	5	26	\$690,652
RETAIL TRADE	75	412	\$4,124,611
Bldg Materials-Garden	11	54	\$679,125
Food Stores	11	104	\$1,279,546
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	12	69	\$840,807
Eating & Drinking	28	160	\$1,013,412
Miscellaneous Retail	8	19	\$278,201
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	24	66	\$1,794,246
Banking	3	51	\$1,340,367
Insurance Agents	3	7	\$113,184
Real Estate	14	17	\$163,993
SERVICES	87	599	\$10,309,993
Hotels & Lodging	8	18	\$130,105
Personal Services	3	3	\$47,512
Auto Repair Services	5	11	\$159,404
Miscellaneous Repair Services	4	6	\$76,664
Amusement & Recreation	10	11	\$88,404
Health Services	10	233	\$4,822,875
Legal Services	4	8	\$106,573
Social Services	18	96	\$922,114
Membership Services	5	15	\$111,608
Engineering Services	10	43	\$1,022,206
GOVERNMENT	42	669	\$15,110,951
State	10	49	\$1,393,571
Local	16	473	\$9,066,784
Federal	16	145	\$4,646,616

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research and Analysis.

(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,038	\$15,947	\$16,541	\$17,571	\$17,590	\$18,286	\$18,872	\$19,660
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Sanders County	\$2,775	\$6,982	\$11,720	\$12,254	\$12,935	\$13,244	\$13,219	\$13,603	\$13,968	\$14,471
% of National Average	68%	89%	81%	62%	63%	62%	60%	59%	58%	57%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1999.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Fourth Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Sanders County													
1990 Census of Population and Housing													
Persons by Age, Race and Sex													
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Asian or Pacific													
School Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race		
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	
5-11	919	417	2	2	68	43	13	8	20	12	2	1	
12-14	424	202	0	0	25	14	2	0	7	4	1	0	
15-17	398	202	0	0	28	15	2	2	7	5	0	0	
18-21	296	137	0	0	21	9	0	0	5	0	0	0	
Total	2,037	958	2	2	142	81	17	10	39	21	3	1	
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Asian or Pacific													
Working & Voting Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race		
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	
18+	8,112	3,060	9	3	317	137	18	11	83	33	9	7	
18-64	4,756	2,367	7	2	279	120	15	11	58	29	8	6	
18+	5,846	2,925	9	3	308	132	15	10	57	28	9	7	
18-64	4,490	2,232	7	2	268	115	14	10	50	24	8	6	
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Asian or Pacific													
Other Age Group	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race		
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	
0-4	550	276	1	1	44	28	5	3	13	4	2	1	
5-17	1,739	821	2	2	121	72	17	10	34	21	3	1	
18-44	2,743	1,374	5	2	181	72	10	7	33	15	4	3	
45-64	1,747	858	2	0	87	43	4	3	17	9	4	3	
62+	1,828	832	2	1	48	22	1	0	10	7	2	2	
65+	1,358	693	2	1	38	17	1	0	7	4	1	1	
Total	8,135	4,022	12	6	471	232	37	23	104	53	14	9	

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

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Sanders County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Sanders County	County of Work	# Who Live in Sanders County
Out of State	22	Out of State	124
Flathead County	18	Flathead County	11
Lake County	118	Lake County	50
Lincoln County	12	Lincoln County	44
Mineral County	11	Mineral County	27
Missoula County	14	Missoula County	77
Sanders County	2,660	Sanders County	2,660
Yellowstone County	13	Other Montana Counties	10
Other Montana Counties	17		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.